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Students Compete in New Online Gaming League Tournament

What: Top high school online eSports teams will compete for district eFUeL title

When: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018
       Competition starts: 8:30 a.m.
       Awards ceremony: 1 p.m.

Where: Hoover High School Event Center
       5550 N. First St. (93710)

Following the inaugural season of an online eSports league for district high school students, the top teams from each school will compete for the league championship. The Fresno Unified eSports League (FUeL) attracted nearly 130 players from the district’s 12 high schools during the fall season. They competed in the Rocket League, a soccer-with-cars game that features three-person teams. eSports is a new way for the district to involve all types of students in an extracurricular activity that engages them in school, with staff and with fellow students, and promotes school spirit.

eSports is a booming industry with numerous job opportunities beyond being a player, including game design, coding, testing, sales and marketing, production, streaming and management. More than 200 colleges and universities are actively recruiting and providing scholarships for eSports players. The University of California system offers $9 million in eSports scholarships.
“Through eSports, we are connecting a wide range of students from all of our high schools in something that is not only fun, but enhances teamwork and communication skills and prepares students for career opportunities in a growing field,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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